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1.	Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.									
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Only the date of filing (§ 1.6) will be the date used in a patent term adjustment calculation, although the date on any certificate of mailing or transmission under § 1.8 continues to be taken into account in determining timeliness. See § 1.703(f). Consider "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" (§ 1.10) or facsimile transmission (§ 1.6(d)) for the reply to be accorded the earliest possible filing date for patent term adjustment calculations.

# **EXTENSION OF TERM**

NOTE:	: "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) — If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.										
	If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).										
NOTE:	See 37 C.F.R. §1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.										
NOTE:	37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b)" an applicant shall be deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods of time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request, measuring such three-month period from the date the notice or action was mailed or given to the applicant, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date that is three months after the date of mailing or transmission of the Office communication notifying the applicant of the rejection, objection, argument, or other request and ending on the date the reply was filed. The period, or shortened statutory period, for reply that is set in the Office action or notice has no effect on the three-month period set forth in this paragraph."										
3.	The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136										
	apply.		(com	plete (a) or	(b)	), as applic	able)				
(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.1 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months below:											
		Extensi	on	F	ree	for other th	nan	F	ee for		
		(month	<u>s)</u>	small entity				small entity			
	$\boxtimes$	one month		•	\$	120.00		\$	60.00		
	<ul><li>□ two months</li><li>□ three months</li></ul>		onths	9	\$	450.00		\$	225.00		
			onths	\$ 1,020.00				\$	500.00		
		four mo	onths	\$ 1,590.00				\$ 795.00			
		five mo	onths	\$ 2,160.00			\$ 1,080.00				
	Fee: \$ <u>120.00</u>										
If an ac	dditional	extension	on of time is req	uired, pleas	e c	onsider this	s a petition the	refor			
	(check and complete the next item, if applicable)										
	An extension for months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.										
	Extension fee due with this request \$										
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	(b)	(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this is a									

conditional petition being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

# FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	Ren	laims maining After endment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee	OR	Rate	Addit. Fee	
Total	21	Minus	20	= 1	x \$ 25	\$ 50.		x \$ 50=	\$50.	
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□First Claims	Presen	tation of M	Iultiple Depend	lent	+ \$180=	\$		+ \$360=	\$	
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<sup>\*</sup> If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "O" in Col. 3,

**WARNING**:

"After final rejection or action (§ 1.113) amendments may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 C.F.R. 1.116(a) (emphasis added).

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

	(c)	☐ No additional fee for claims is required.					
			OR				
	(d)	×	Total additional fee for claims required \$ 50.00 FEE PAYMENT				
5.		Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 170.00  Charge Account No. 12-0425 the sum of \$  A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.					

<sup>\*\*</sup> If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".

The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

## FEE DEFICIENCY

NOTE: If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, (1065 O.G. 31-33).

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 12-0425.

## AND/OR

If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 12-0425

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